

Rule 375-3-1-.16 Eligibility for Veteran's', Honorary or Distinctive Driver's License and Identification Cards

- (1) (a) Veteran's', honorary or distinctive driver's licenses shall be issued to veterans who have satisfied all other requirements for issuance of a driver's license upon receipt by the Department of a Certificate of Eligibility issued for said veteran by the Georgia Department of Veteran's Services.

- (b) In order to be eligible for a Certificate of Eligibility, a veteran must present evidence of the following:

(i)1. Residence:

~~(i) A veteran must have been a resident of the State of Georgia at the time of his or her enlistment or commissioning;~~

(ii)1 A veteran must be a resident of the State of Georgia at the time of application for the license, ~~or have been a resident of the State of Georgia for at least two years immediately preceding the date of application for the license;~~ and

(ii)2. Service:

~~(i)1~~ A veteran must have been on honorable, active duty service in the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component thereof during wartime or any conflict when personnel were committed by the President of the United States, whether or not such veteran was assigned to a unit or division which directly participated in such war or conflict, except for periodic transfer from reserve status to active duty status for training purposes; ~~or~~

2) A veteran must be a United States citizen and have been on honorable, active duty service in the armed forces of an ally of the United States during wartime or any conflict when personnel were committed by the President of the United States, whether or not such veteran was assigned to a unit or division which directly participated in such war or conflict.

~~(ii) For purposes of this regulation, service during one (1) or more of the following conflicts shall satisfy this requirement:~~

Mexican Border	May 9, 1916 through April 5, 1917
World War I	April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918. The period for a veteran who served with the U.S. Military forces in Russia would include April 6, 1917, through April 1, 1920.
World War II	December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946
Korea	June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955
Lebanon Conflict	July 1, 1958 through November 1, 1958
Vietnam Conflict	July 1, 1958 through August 4, 1964
Berlin Conflict	August 14, 1961 through June 1, 1963
Vietnam	August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975
Dominican Republic Conflict	April 28, 1965 through September 21, 1966
Grenada Conflict	October 23, 1983 through November 21, 1983

**Panama
Liberation**

December 30, 1989 through February 15, 1990

Saudi Arabia-Iraq

Kuwait—Persian Gulf August 2, 1990—ending date unknown at this time

- (2) A member of the National Guard or Reserve Forces shall obtain a letter from the Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard, or his designee evidencing twenty (20) or more years creditable service therein. This letter shall be forwarded to the Department.
- (3) A surviving spouse of a veteran who would have been eligible for a veteran's license shall follow the procedure in ~~sub-section~~paragraph (1) and may then be issued an honorary license.
 - (a) Any license to such spouse shall be valid as long as that person remains unmarried.
- (4) A spouse of a veteran who is or would have been eligible for a veteran's license, but has been disabled to the extent that he or she is unable to operate a motor vehicle safely, shall acquire an honorary license by having the disabled veteran surrender his license to the Department, or if he or she has no license notify the Department of his disability. Such surrender of license or notification must be accompanied by a letter from a physician evidencing the disability. The applicant shall then follow the procedure set out in ~~sub-section~~paragraph (1).
- (5) Once eligibility is established pursuant to ~~sub-sections~~paragraphs (1) through (4), ~~2, 3, 4~~ the licensee need not reestablish eligibility.
- (6) Any customer who would be eligible for a driver's license under the provisions of this regulations shall also be eligible for an identification card at no charge.
- (7) National Guard driver's licenses shall be issued free of charge by the Department to any guardsman who meets the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 40-5-36. Each guardsman shall present to any driver's license examiner a completed "Certificate of Eligibility for Georgia National Guard Driver's License," ~~(DDS-318),~~* their current National Guard identification card and surrender their existing Georgia ~~Driver's License or Instructional Permit~~ to such examiner. The National Guard driver's license shall be valid for five (5) years or until the Department receives written notice from the Adjutant General, or his agent, that the guardsman is no longer a member of the Georgia National Guard in good standing.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 40-5-4, 40-5-36, 40-5-103.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this amendment is to align the rule with recently passed House Bill 819, which authorizes the issuance of veterans' licenses to any person who is a United

States citizen and resident of this state who served in the military for an ally of the United States during a time of war or other conflict.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULE

The proposed amendment allows for Georgia residents who are United States citizens and served in the military for an ally of the United States during a time of war or other conflict to be eligible for a Certificate of Eligibility. The resident requirement is changed to only requiring that the applicant be a resident of Georgia at the time of application. The previous two-year residence requirement has been deleted to reflect changes from HB 819. The list of qualifying conflicts is removed to reflect the updated process of relying on the Certificate of Eligibility rather than the list of conflicts. An honorary license shall be valid as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried, as is reflected in statute.